(c) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the grant of Pay Scale of Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB-75-2900 to the Assistants with effect from Ist January, 1986;

(d) if so, by when the orders for the implementation of the decision are likely to be issued; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefore; and

(f) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) Representations/memoranda have been received from Service Association as well as from Members of Parliament suggesting for revision in the pay scales of Assistants/ Steno. Gr. C to Rs. 1640—2900 from Rs. 1400—2600.

(c) to (f) The matter is still under consideration of the Government.

Seminars held in Universities

29. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of seminars held in various universities of the country in collaboration with the University Grants Commission during the last three years along with the names of universities where these seminars were held;

(b) the number of delegates who attended the seminars;

(c) the number of foreign delegates who attended the seminars; and

(d) the total amount spent on holding these seminars during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Petitions received in Prime Minister's Office

30. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petitions received from the public in Prime Minister's Office from December, 1989 till February, 1990; and

(b) what is the number of petitions disposed of and the number of those which are still pending?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) About 1,17,500 petitions were received from December 1989 till the 28th February 1990 in the Prime Minister's Office. All petitions which needed to be disposed of by various authorities concerned have been sent to them for appropriate action.

Re-employment of teaches in Central Universities

31. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of teachers of Central Universities who have retired during the last three years, University-wise;

(b) what is the number of retiring teachers of Central Universities who were given re-employment during this period, University-wise; and

(c) the number of those retiring teachers of Central Universities who have not been given re-employment University-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON):

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Name of the University	Number of Teachers retired during the last three years	Number of retiring Teachers who were given re-employment duriing last 3 years	Number of retiring Teachers who have not been given re-employment during last 3 years
1. Aligarh Muslim University	4	15	33
2. Banaras Hindu University*			
3. University of Hyderabad*			
4. University of Delhi	60	52	8
5. Indira Gandhi National Open University	2	2	—
6. Jawaharlal Nehru University	18	17	1
7. Jamia Milia Islamia			
8. North Eastern Hill University*			
9. Pondicherry University*			
10. Visva-Bharati*			

*The required information is still awaited. On receipt the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Filtered water Supply for animals in the Zoos

32. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that filtered water would be supplied to the animals in the Zoos all over the country; and

(b) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) an d(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the central government to provide filtered water to the animals in the Zoos all over the country.

Felling of trees in purnia district in Bihar

33. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been large scale felling of trees in the border areas of Purnia District in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details theerof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent further felling of trees in that areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Government of Bihar have reported that 26,700 trees and saplings of varying girth were felled in 111.57 acres (44.6 Ha) of non-forest land in areas of Purnia district